(d) whether it is a fact that the steel plant at Visakhapatnam is reporting higher operational costs; and

(e) if so, the steps preposed to rectify such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Implementation of Dharti Putra Welfare Scheme

1002. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States selected for "Dharti-Putra Welfare Scheme" and names of States where this scheme has already been implemented;

(b) whether a number of proposals alongwith the amount involved therein were submitted by some Government under this Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time to be taken for finally deciding the clearance of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) There is no such scheme being implemented by the Ministry.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

आठवीं और नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति और पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए खर्च की गई/प्रस्तावित धनराशि

1003. **श्री रामजीलाल**: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति और पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए अलग-अलग कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है; और

(ख) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इन जातियों/पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए अलग-अलग कितनी धनराशि प्रस्तावित है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों तथा पिछड़े वर्गों के कल्याण के लिए व्यय इस प्रकार है:-

1. अनुसूचित जाति विकास रुपए 2756.59 करोड़
2. अनुसूचित जनजाति विकास रुपए 1974.61 करोड़
3. पिछड़ा वर्ग विकास रुपए 117.08 करोड़

(ख) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों तथा पिछड़े वर्गों के कल्याण के लिए निम्नलिखित धनराशि का प्रस्ताव किया गया है।

1. अनुसूचित जाति विकास रुपए 13774.69 करोड़
2. अनुसूचित जनजाति विकास रुपए 7406.47 करोड़
3. पिछड़ा वर्ग विकास रुपए 5972.50 करोड़

Committee to study the functioning of NGO's

1004. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to study the functioning of Non-Government Organisations in the country to ensure that funds provided by Government are properly utilised;

(b) the amount of funds received by Non-Government Organisations from foreign countries and purpose thereof during last five years;

(c) whether Government have come across any irregularities in the working of Non-Government Organisations; and

(d) the details of the terms of reference of above Committee?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (d) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

(b) This is regulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs and no separate record is maintained in respect of NGO's working in Welfare sector.

(c) Some representations/complaints have been received, based on which Grants-in-aid have been stopped in respect of 22 NGO's since 1994-95 and the concerned State Governments have been requested for detailed enquiry in respect of 5 NGO's.

Welfare Schemes of Bihar pending with Central Government

1005. SHRI JANARDANYADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some welfare schemes of Bihar have been pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes as on date and since when these schemes are pending;

(c) the reasons for the delay in sanctioning the same;

(d) the amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(e) by when the said schemes are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) (i) Large amount are held up for release under SCA to Tribal Sub Plan and Grants under Article 275(i) of the Constitution for want of utilisation certificates. Thus in 1994-95 allocation under SCA was Rs. 3384.10 lakhs out of which Rs. 1748.70 lakhs was released. Similarly, total allocation for 1995-96 was Rs. 4140.01 lakhs out of which Rs. 274.22 lakhs was released. The reason for low release was that the State Government could not submit the utilisation certification for previous year (s).

(ii) Post-Matric Scholarships to students belonging to scheduled Casted/Scheduled Tribes.

(iii) Gant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

(iv) Scheme for Welfare of Street Children.

(v) Scheme for Welfare of the Aged.

Some of the proposals have been received recently while some other are pending for upto two years.

In some cases funds are not avilable under the relevant schemes in the current year.

(e) As soon as the State Governemnt furnishes the required utilisation certificates.

Welfare Schemes for Economically Weaker Sections in Bhiar

1006. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the details of the welfare schemes started for the economically weaker sections of Bihar alongwith the amount allocated under these schemes during each of the last three years;

(b) whether these funds have been utilised properly; and

(c) if so, the number of persons benefited under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Welfare Schemes for Economically Weaker Sections in Bihar

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount allocated (Rupees in lakhs)			Amount utilised as reported (Rupees in lakhs)			No. of beneficiaries		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	SCA to TBI	3497.39	1748.70*	274.22*	NR	275.22	470.24	NR	317	20797
2.	Grants under Article 275(i) of the Constitution	801.50	725.25	725.25	NR	227.64	NR	NR	NR	NR
3.	Pre-Examination Coaching Scheme	-	-	-	NIL	15.01	15.09	**	**	**

NR: Not Reported.

* The total allocation during the year 1994-95 was Rs. 3384.10 lakhs out of which Rs. 1748.70 lakhs were released. Similarly, total allocation during the year 1995-96 was Rs. 4140.01 lakhs out of which Rs. 274.22 lakhs was released. The reason for low release was that the State Government did not send the utilisation certificates for previous year (s).